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IN RE APPLICATION OF
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, directly beneath the title, please insert:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Application 09/601,463, filed August 2, 2000, which is a 371 of International Application PCT/EP99/00622, filed February 1, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4-9 as follows:

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4. (Amended) A compound of claim 1 in free base or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt form, for use as a pharmaceutical.
 5. (Amended) A compound of claim 1 in free base or pharmaceutically acceptable acid salt form, for use in the treatment of any state with increased endogenous level of CRF or in which the HPA is disregulated, or of a disease induced or facilitated by CRF.
 6. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1 in free base or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt form, in association with a pharmaceutical carrier or diluent.